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STANDARDS OF FILL

REF: STATE 152467

1. EMBASSY PROVIDED SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE INFORMAL SUMMARY OF CONTENTS REFTEL. IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR KLAUS JACOBI HAS WRITTEN TO EMBASSY THAT SWISS STRONGLY FEEL THAT PROPOSED METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL FOR WINE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS WOULD, IF IMPLEMENTED, CONSTITUTE NEW AND SUBSTANTIAL NON-TARIFF BARRIER. JACOBI NOTED THAT AT PRESENT TIME ALL COUNTRIES ATTEMPTING FIND WAYS REDUCE SUCH NTBS. IN OPINION OF SWISS ENVISAGED MEASURES WOULD HAVE DRASTIC AND UNACCEPTABLE CONSEQUENCES ON TRADITIONAL WINE TRADE WITH US. JACOBI CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING OPINION THAT SIMPLE TRANSFER OF BOTTLE FILL STANDARDS TO METRIC SYSTEM IS APPARENTLY BEING USED FOR PROTECTIONIST PURPOSES.

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